

House Resolution No. 833

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State collegiate sports programs which strive to combine excellence in athletics, scholarship, and individual maturity and preparation for the future; and

Whereas, the Evangel University Crusaders of Springfield, Missouri, culminated an exemplary season by rightfully claiming the title of NAIA Division II National Champions with a decisive 84-61 victory over Robert Morris of Illinois on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at Keeter Gymnasium on the College of the Ozarks campus; and

Whereas, posting an impressive 35-1 win-loss record, the Crusaders team was ranked in the top NAIA II spot all season long and won both the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament and the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship; and

Whereas, setting NAIA II records with most consecutive wins (27) and most consecutive wins in a season (27), the Crusaders were effectively trained and led by Head Coach Steve Jenkins, NAIA II National Coach of the Year and Heart of America Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, with exemplary assistance by Assistant Coach Steve Shepherd and Graduate Assistant Steve Gause; and

Whereas, the Champion Crusaders 2001-2002 team consisted of Wes Murphy of Marionville, Missouri; Andy Truesdale of Winnebago, Illinois; John Spears of Salisbury, North Carolina; Grant Curtis of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Jason Stubbs of Williamston, Michigan; Luke Cooper of Weaubleau, Missouri; Bert Capel of Erlanger, Kentucky; Anthony Moore of Springfield, Missouri; Daniel Cutbirth of Hurley, Missouri; Dimitrius Breedlove of Apopka, Florida; Judd Broxson of Pensacola, Florida; Chad Sleeper of New Caney, Texas; Bryan Osterloh of Marionville, Missouri; Preston Ingram of Springfield, Missouri; and Luke Arthur of Houston, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Crusaders men's basketball team's capture of the NAIA Division II National Tournament Championship and to convey to all of its players and coaches our heartiest congratulations for a spectacular season and our best wishes for continued success next year; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Evangel University Men's Basketball Crusaders program.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 833, adopted March 19, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker